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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: David DINO Customer No. 23911  
Serial No.: 10/790,279 Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Filed: MARCH 28, 2002 Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Title: AQUEOUS-BASED OIL WELL DRILLING FLUIDS  
CONTAINING HIGH AMYLOSE STARCH POLYMERS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to resuming examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendment.

This amendment is accompanied by a Petition to amend inventorship under 37 CFR 1.48(a). This amendment is also accompanied by a Request to Terminate Deferral of Action.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.